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1. Construction plans for new vessels

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- a. Discussions took place at Hochseeschiffbau Zentrales Schiffbau-Konstruktions-
und Projekt-Büro VEB, at Berlin-Koepenick, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] on the preparation of detailed construction
plans for four new types of vessels, which are to be built in the Wismar
and Warnemuende shipyards.
- b. Apparently Warnemuende shipyard is to build Type III (and possibly IV),
as plans for this type had been discussed at Warnemuende by representatives
of the Central Construction office.
- c. The shipbuilding constructors and draftsmen are at the moment occupied in
drawing up plans for Type I and II (to be built at Wismar) and they may
still be working on these at the beginning of 1952.
- d. The Konstruktionsbüro hopes to have another 55,000 DM allocated to it for
research and development. 120,000 DM were promised but only 55,000 DM
have so far been received.

2. The building of new ships

- a. Rough estimates concerning the construction program for new ships at Wismar
and Warnemuende shipyards are to be submitted to the Ministry of Machine
Construction in Berlin by 31 October.
- b. The question of the supply of materials for shipbuilding, as well as a
number of other matters (administration, personnel) concerning the new
undertaking, has not yet been settled, but Warnemuende has undertaken to
clear up these problems in Berlin soon - both for Wismar and itself.
- c. 1,000 hp marine diesel engines

The first confirmation of an order for 1,000 hp diesel engines has been
received but the cost was not given, nor any indications that the required
date of delivery would be met.

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3. Wismar Shipyard - repairs

The Russian vessels undergoing repairs or reconstruction in Wismar shipyard are the following:

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Percentage of completion</u>	
	<u>Achieved</u>	<u>Planned</u>
a. DERBENT	99%	99%
b. POBEDA	55%	49%
c. VAGA	95%	91.5%
d. VICHEGDA	80 %	75%
e. KALININGRAD	26.5%	22%
f. COOPERATIA	38%	25%
g. LEN SOVIET	10.5%	8.5%

Difficulties in obtaining rivets, derrick winches, and copper and textile fabrics are being experienced.

4. Warnemuende Shipyard

The vessels being refitted at this shipyard are the following:

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Percentage of completion</u>	
	<u>Achieved</u>	<u>Planned</u>
a. RUS	86%	82%
b. SOV SOYUZ	25%	22%
c. NACHIMOV	DM 150,000 - (?)	
d. YURI DOLGORUKI	16.5%	15.5%
e. YAKUTIYA	25%	20.5%
f. MUDYUK	37%	30%

5. Dissolution of the VVB Hochseeschiffbau

- At the end of this year the VVB Hochseeschiffbau is to be dissolved.
- No detailed instructions have been issued so far by the Ministry of Machine Construction as to the procedure to follow in closing down, transferring employees etc., but the proposals of the VVB itself have been prepared and submitted.
- The offices of the VVB in Dresden, Erfurt and Halle, will be transferred by 31 December 1951 to Wismar or Warnemuende Shipyard. As far as administration is concerned, the agencies will be attached to one shipyard, but must work for both. HV Schiffbau (Main Department for Shipbuilding, Ministry of Machine Construction) will decide to which shipyard the aforementioned offices will be attached.

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- d. The Berlin branch was to have had offices in the HV Schiffbau buildings effective 1 September 1951, but it now develops that HV Schiffbau has no room. In the meantime HV Schiffbau has given its approval for the Wismar Shipyard and DMR each to have an agency of its own in Berlin. In view of this development, Warnow Shipyard, Warnemuende, has also been granted an agency of its own and that of the VVB is to be abolished.

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